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Coordinator for Academic  
Relations,  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Coordinator:

I am writing because of an increasing professional interest in intelligence work with a preference for interpretative analysis of foreign and military policies. I was previously contacted for some such position in December 1974 but was unable, on that occasion, to be interviewed for such a post.

Since a biographical condensation-- the curriculum vitae-- never suffices to explain one's motivations or professional dilemma, I shall try to do that here. Hitherto, the direction of my professional interests and goals has been a teaching career but the promise of an academic career has become less attractive of late. My doctoral and now postdoctoral work, moreover, has widened my interests beyond the traditional field and specialty; i.e., my principal work in recent European history, in colonial and post-colonial Africa, in Asian Studies, and American diplomatic has led by degrees to encompass the field of national security affairs. The enclosed, e.g., is an earlier proposal of my major work in progress. Ongoing research in this field, as an article to be published on the national security report of 1946-- a drastically revised chapter from my dissertation-- will, I believe, receive the recognition that its subject deserves. Further in this vein is a paper I hope to explore next year at the [redacted] Conference session, co-sponsored by the American Military Institute, on the topic of American strategic thought, 1946-1966. I do not want to labor this point, but I do believe that my background and research jointly involving diplomatic and military affairs is one that may be put to better use in government work than in print or the classroom alone in these crucial times.

As I plan to be in the area the first part of August to attend a conference on foreign affairs at Charlottesville, August 5-6, I would be most interested in arranging for an interview with an appropriate officer of Central Intelligence. In saying this, and knowing the time-consuming process invariably associated with entering government employment, I want to stress my sincere interest in such a position. Parenthetically, to have some part through intelligence work in reducing the

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level of concern for the national security and thereby the need for further armaments would indeed be a way of contributing in a backhanded way to a more peaceable world.

Thus, in writing as I have, your earliest reply would be of greatest interest to me.

Sincerely yours.



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